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FACTS & FIGURES

A new statewide job board launched on
 Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Job seekers and employers are encouraged to
 use **AZJobConnection.gov** to connect!

NEWS & MEDIA

ABC 15 Jobs Phone Bank

Representatives from several workforce development agencies including MWC and PWC answered calls from hundreds of questions from job seekers at ABC 15's studio the evening of Feb. 22, 2012.



THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Giving yourself a fair chance

The Arizona Republic, By Sebastien Bauge (3/10/12)

Excerpt: "While the job market is improving, there is stiff competition to snare those openings. So standing out at job fairs is critical if you hope to improve your chances of snaring an interview with a potential employer, career specialists say. They suggest that job seekers:

"Do research.

It's key to know in advance what companies are going to be at the fair so you can investigate what they do and highlight the skills most appropriate for that company, says Stan Flowers, workforce development supervisor of Phoenix Workforce Connection. Employers are never impressed by candidates who approach their booths clueless about their business, he says. "You may not know the occupations they are offering, but you need to be able to talk the 'company talk' with them," Flowers says. "That's key."

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*Collaboratively providing workforce
 solutions to businesses and
 individuals throughout
 Maricopa County.*

PARTNER ITEMS

Job Clubs Shine in Valley of the Sun US Department of Labor News Brief (02/23/12)

Excerpt: "Jay Williams, director of the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, joined the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at North Phoenix Baptist Church yesterday for another job club symposium. Williams discussed the important role the manufacturing sector plays in our economy to create new jobs and highlighted President Obama's "insourcing" proposals from his recent State of the Union address for bringing good-paying manufacturing jobs back to the United States. The event also featured two informative panels about the success of Phoenix area job clubs in serving the long-term unemployed."

[View the Slideshow](#)

[Read Blog From Job Club Panelist](#)

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Arizona Precision Manufacturer's Apprenticeship Program (AzPMAP)

A new Website for Arizona apprentices launched on February 15, 2012. MWC and PWC were involved in the development of this apprenticeship program and are listed as partners on the new Website www.azpmap.org. Visitors to the Website will be provided with information about the Workforce Investment Act upon clicking the "Getting Help" tab.



The **Magellan Resource Job Fair** was attended by 14 various service agencies, including the City of Phoenix Workforce Connection. Most of the agencies provide a vast array of services primarily focused on services for Voc-rehab clients. Services included a cross section of short



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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Schedule a visit of a local One-Stop

Please call to schedule a tour of a MWC or PWC Career Center to engage with local job seekers and businesses, or join a local workforce advisory board to hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities being encountered at the grass-roots level.

Contact **Patrick Burkhart**, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Human Services Department (Phone: 602/506-4146 or e-mail: burkhartp@mail.maricopa.gov); or **Cynthia Spell Tweh**, Deputy Directory, Community and Economic Development Department, City of Phoenix (Phone: 602/262-6776 or e-mail: cynthia.spell.tweh@phoenix.gov) to schedule an appointment or tour.

MWC and PWC focus on increasing the wealth of individuals, businesses, and the community by identifying labor market needs to develop effective,

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